## GAMING MACHINE INCLUDING SECURITY DATA COLLECTION DEVICE

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A gaming machine includes at least one security data collection device. In one embodiment, the security data collection device is a camera mounted to the gaming machine and adapted to collect image information regarding events associated with or adjacent to the gaming machine, such as the image of a player. In one embodiment, a player's image is stored in data form on a player card. When the player plays a gaming machine, the player's image is capture and compared to the image stored on the player card for authentication purposes.

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